

After the word "land" as it appears in the third sentence of this section, which reads: "or to fail to pay the cost of their maintenance while on land", add the following: "as required by this section or section 15 of this Act."

SEC. 3. Subsection (b) of section 16 of the Immigration Act of 1924 (43 Stat. 163; 8 U. S. C. 216 (b)), is hereby amended by substituting a colon for the period after the word "assessed" and inserting the following: "Provided, That no fine nor refund, as provided for in this subsection, nor any expense incident to detention in connection with an application for admission to the United States, shall be assessed or required for bringing into the United States any alien, if such alien holds an unexpired visa issued by a United States consul within sixty days of the alien's foreign embarkation."

SEC. 4. Subsection (a) of section 20 of the Immigration Act of 1924 (43 Stat. 164; 8 U. S. C. 167 (a)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The Attorney General may, upon application in writing therefor, mitigate such penalty to not less than \$200 for each seaman in respect of whom such failure occurs, upon such terms as the Attorney General in his discretion shall think proper. This section, as amended, shall apply to all penalties arising subsequent to June 5, 1940."

Approved December 19, 1944.

39 Stat. 885.  
8 U. S. C. § 151.  
Ante, p. 816.  
Illegal transportation, penalty.

Alien holding unexpired visa.

Failure to detain alien seaman.

Mitigation of penalty.

#### [CHAPTER 609]

##### AN ACT

To suspend the effectiveness during the existing national emergency of the tariff duty on coconuts.

December 20, 1944  
[H. R. 1033]  
[Public Law 504]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That no duty shall be levied, collected, or payable under the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, with respect to coconuts or coconut meat provided for in paragraph 758 of that Act, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, during the period beginning with the day following the date of enactment of this Act and ending with the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941.

Approved December 20, 1944.

Coconuts and coconut meat.  
Suspension of tariff duty.

46 Stat. 636.  
19 U. S. C. § 1001, par. 758.

#### [CHAPTER 610]

##### AN ACT

To amend the laws of the District of Columbia relating to exemption of property from judicial process, the assignment of salary or wages, and the advance payment of salary or wages for the purpose of preventing attachment or garnishment.

December 20, 1944  
[H. R. 2116]  
[Public Law 505]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 1105 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1105. (a) The following property, being the property of the head of a family or householder residing in the District of Columbia, or of a person who earns the major portion of his livelihood in the District of Columbia, being the head of a family or householder, regardless of his place of residence, shall be free and exempt from distraint, attachment, levy, or seizure and sale on execution or decree of any court in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia Code, amendments.  
31 Stat. 1362.  
D. C. Code § 15-401.

Exemptions of property from judicial process.  
Head of family or householder.